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In re application of:

Sergey A. Selifonov, et al.

Application No.: 09/539,486

Filed: March 30, 2000

For: Methods for Making Character Strings, Polynucleotides and Polypeptides

Having Desired Characteristics

Examiner: Unassigned

Art Unit: Unassigned

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.97 and

§ 1.98

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Sir:

The references cited on attached form PTO-1449 are being called to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed. Approximately half of the newly cited references on the 1449 are being enclosed with this submission. The additional references are being concurrently mailed under separate cover to facilitate mailing.

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the reference be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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The enclosed references complete the co-filed Information Disclosure

Statement, providing all remaining references for submission.

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